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SUBJ: ANOTHER ROUND OF WAGE INCREASES FOR BLACK MINERS

REF: JOHANNESBURG 594; 609

1. ON OCTOBER 21 SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMBER OF MINES ANNOUNCED THAT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1 MINIMUM WAGES FOR BEGINNING BLACK UNDERGROUND WORKERS WILL INCREASE 33 PERCENT FROM PRESENT 120 CENTS PER SHIFT TO 160 CENTS. NEW STARTING RATE WILL BE R41.60 PER 26 SHIFT MONTH (PLUS ALLOWANCE) OR OVER THREE TIMES MINIMUM RATE IN EFFECT IN MAY 1973.

2. CHAMBER ALSO ANNOUNCED PLANS TO LAUNCH INTENSIVE 3-WEEK RECRUITING CAMPAIGN ON RADIO BANTU, PURPOSE OF WHICH WILL BE TO ATTRACT MORE SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS (EVENTUALLY 50,000 PER YEAR)

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